

DC Power Line Undergrounding

Community Hearings

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Background and History

- Severe weather events, especially those between 2010 and 2012, challenged the electric system's resiliency
 - Severe thunderstorms
 - Snow-mageddon
 - Hurricane Irene
 - Derecho
 - Hurricane Sandy
- Mayor's Executive Order established a Task Force to evaluate options to improve resiliency during severe weather events
- Task Force members represented a broad cross section of stakeholders (District Government, OPC, Pepco, other utilities and citizen representatives)
- Electric Company Infrastructure Improvement Financing Act of 2014 (Act) became law on May 3, 2014

Task Force Evaluation and Recommendations

- The Task Force used a model to analyze outage data and service value to the community for all overhead feeders in the District of Columbia
- Feeders are primary distribution power lines that provide service to approximately 1,100 people within a neighborhood
- The recommended criteria for choosing which feeders would be moved underground include:
 - Average of outage frequency (SAIFI)
 - Duration of outages (SAIDI)
 - Economic impact
- The final recommendation is to move underground the primary lines of the least reliable feeders in Wards 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8

Triennial Plan

- The Act created a unique public-private partnership between Pepco and DDOT to bury overhead lines to significantly improve electric service during severe weather conditions
- In accordance with the Act, Pepco and DDOT filed a joint Triennial Plan on June 17, 2014 covering the three-year period 2015-2017
- Under the Triennial Plan, DDOT will construct the underground facilities and Pepco will install the underground electric distribution for 21 currently overhead feeders affected by outages
- Wards 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 have been identified as the most vulnerable to prolonged overhead outages
- Pepco's existing reliability enhancement program will be continued in all wards



Triennial Plan Summary

Year	Feeder	Ranking	Ward	# Custs Served	Estimated Total Cost		
	308	1	3	590	\$11,687,949		
	15001	13	4	1,344	\$26,048,749		
1	14093	10	5	946	\$34,231,400		
	14261	4	7	1,279	\$23,512,340		
	15177 ⁽¹⁾	8	8	2,223	\$40,780,050		
	Year 1 Total:			6,382	\$136,260,487		
	75	11	3	287	\$10,868,172		
	394	14	3	295	\$10,003,495		
	467	6	3	427	\$9,479,476		
	15021	30	4	2,047	\$28,849,138		
2	15701	25	5	2,842	\$14,782,712		
	14008	26	5	1,038	\$19,486,420		
	368	18	7	627	\$12,070,813		
	15707 ⁽²⁾	3	7	3,104	\$41,263,358		
	14758	9	8	2,131	\$19,199,215		
	Year 2 Total:			12,798	\$166,002,800		
	14136	22	3	983	\$5,493,159		
	15944	21	3	715	\$19,688,647		
	14766	19	3	715	\$10,341,696		
3	14014	27	5	1,956	\$34,449,976		
	15013	29	5	992	\$23,230,947		
	15130	34	7	1,937	\$10,921,457		
	15166	16	8	2,140	\$27,681,744		
	Year 3 Total:			9,438	\$131,807,626		

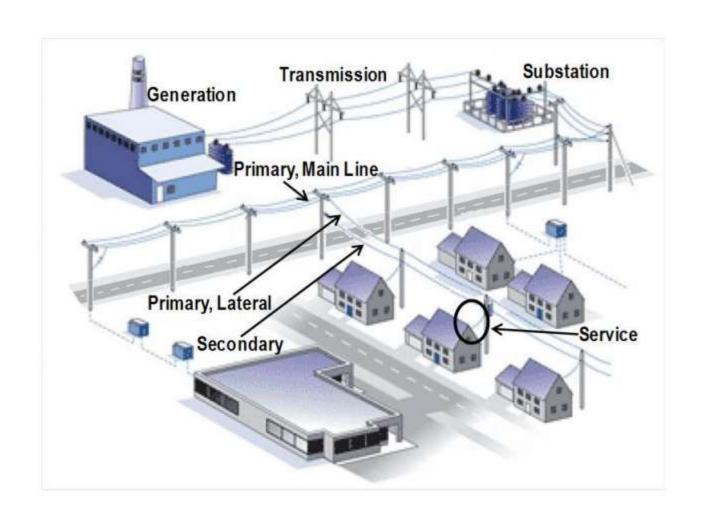
Total Estimated Costs (3 Years) \$434,070,913



⁽¹⁾ Feeder construction projected to carry over into Year 2

⁽²⁾ Feeder construction projected to carry over into Year 3

The Current Overhead System





Paying for the DC PLUG Initiative

- The total \$1 billion DC PLUG initiative will be funded by three sources
 - \$500 million funded by Pepco
 - \$375 million Bonds issued by the District
 - \$62 to \$125 million funded through DDOT
- Two surcharge mechanisms will be added to the customer's bill
 - The Triennial Plan, filed on June 17, 2014, will establish a surcharge to cover Pepco's investment in the initiative
 - The Financing Plan, to be filed on August 1, 2014 will authorize the issuance of \$375 million in bonds by the District and establish a surcharge to cover the payments on the bonds.
- The estimated monthly bill impact on the average residential customer is:

	Triennial Plan	Financing Plan	
Year 1	\$.18 per month	Pending	
Year 2	\$.52 per month	Pending	
Year 3	\$.91 per month	Pending	

 Residential Aid Discount (RAD) Customers will be exempt from both of the DC PLUG surcharges



Community Facts

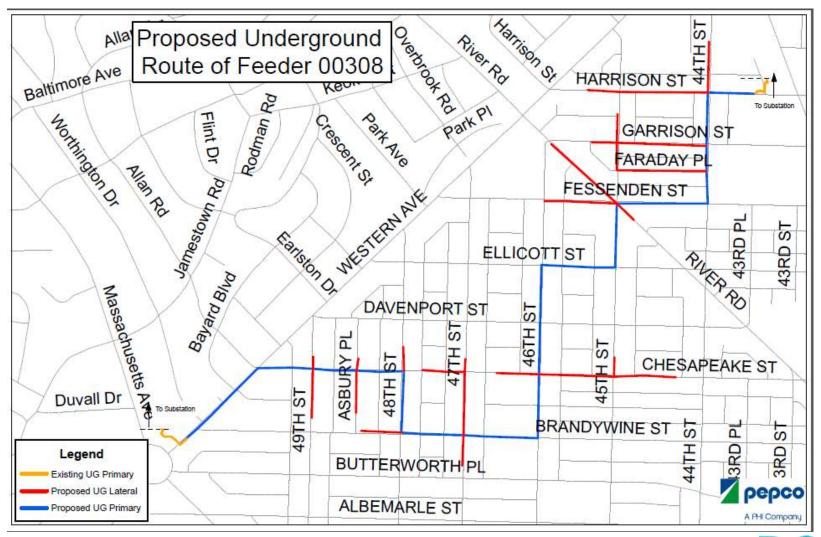
- Provided are handouts detailing the work to be performed in your ward, including:
 - Feeder and year of construction
 - Ward
 - Neighborhoods
 - Description (percent residential/commercial)
 - Length of feeder (percent overhead and percent underground)
 - Number of customers

Proposed Scope of Work- Example Feeder 00308:

- Remove existing overhead primary wire and transformers
- Install approximately 60 manholes
- Install approximately 8 underground tap holes
- Install approximately 3.4 miles of duct bank in an underground trench
- Install ancillary civil equipment including associated paving milling
- Install approximately 75 transformers
- Install approximately 5 switches
- Install approximately 2 miles of mainline cable
- Install approximately 4.6 miles of lateral cable
- Install ancillary electrical equipment including cable supports, joints and insulators



One Line Diagrams- Example





EXISTING OVERHEAD SYSTEM

Prover OUTAGE No Page OUTAGE

PROPOSED UNDERGROUND PLAN





Above Ground

Before



After





Construction Phase

- Coordination of capital improvement projects with other utility partners and within DDOT, as well as, with developers
- Certified Arborist from DDOT's Urban Forestry Administration will review all DC PLUG plans
- Any disturbed areas will be restored to original condition by contractor





- Construction Phase (cont'd.)
 - Work Time Restrictions: Louder construction activities prohibited from the earliest work hours and cease before evening hours. Normal allowable work hours are 7:00am to 7:00pm. Saturday hours, if applicable, are 9am to 5pm. No work on Sundays.
 - Traffic Impacts may include lane closures, parking restrictions and safe pedestrian detours.



